



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Westmeath

**Site Address:** Derradd, Co. Westmeath

**Date of Visit:** 14/08/25

**Times of Visit:** 10:00 to 11:15

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry & Sean Burke

**Summary:** The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at the above address in Co. Westmeath (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activities and the location of the activities being undertaken were carried out.

**Findings of site visit of 14/08/25:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Milled peat extraction was noted to be ongoing during the visit. The milled peat was being collected from the peatland and transported to stockpiles on the peatland.
- A number of large stockpiles of milled peat were noted adjacent to the two entrances to the peatland.
- Machinery/equipment for extracting and harvesting peat were also noted to be parked adjacent to the stockpiles of milled peat at the peatland.
- Drone footage and photos were taken throughout the visit.

**Report prepared by:** Mick Henry & Sean Burke

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

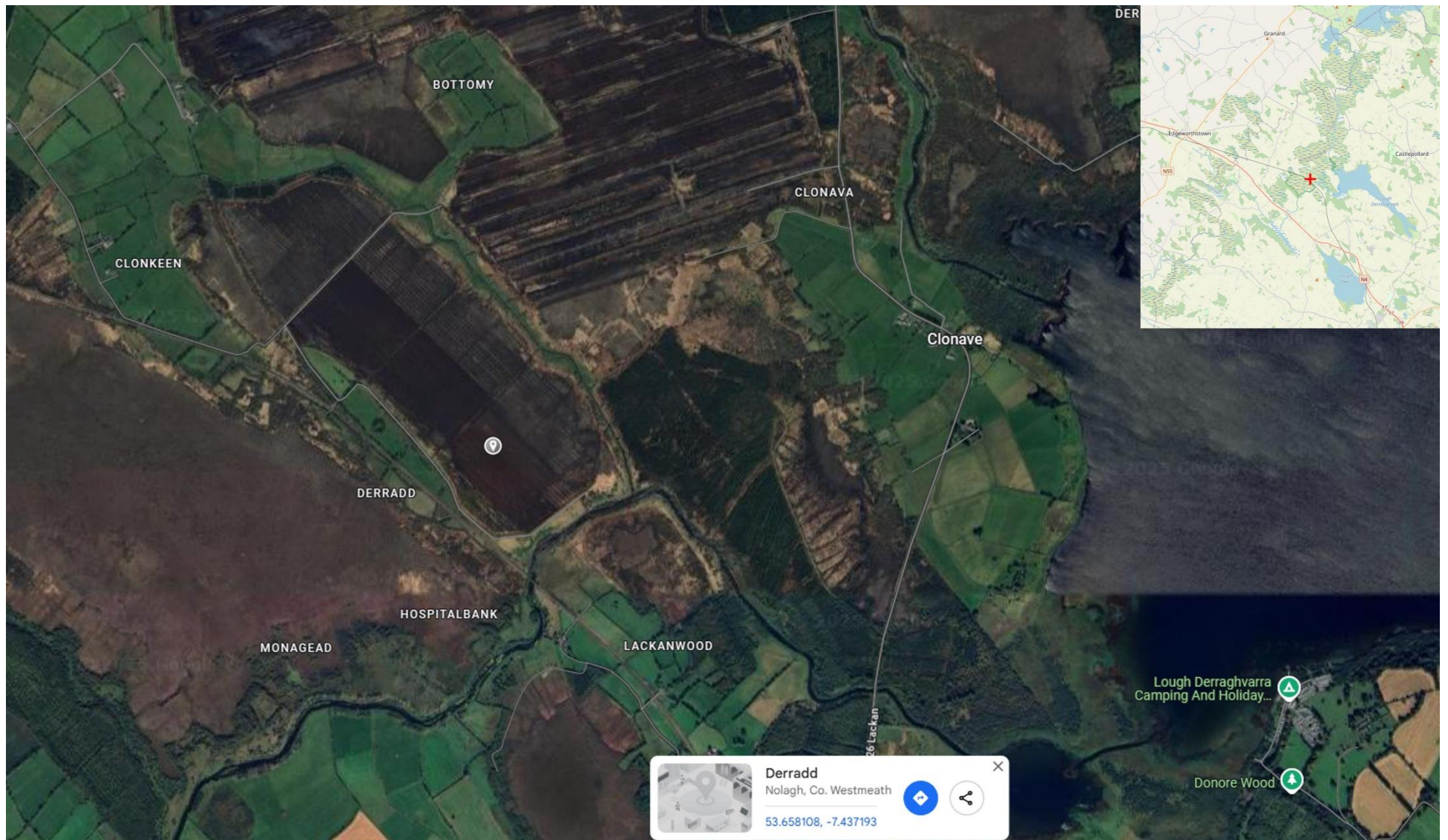
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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Peat extraction/harvesting machinery noted alongside milled peat stockpile at entrance to the peatland.**

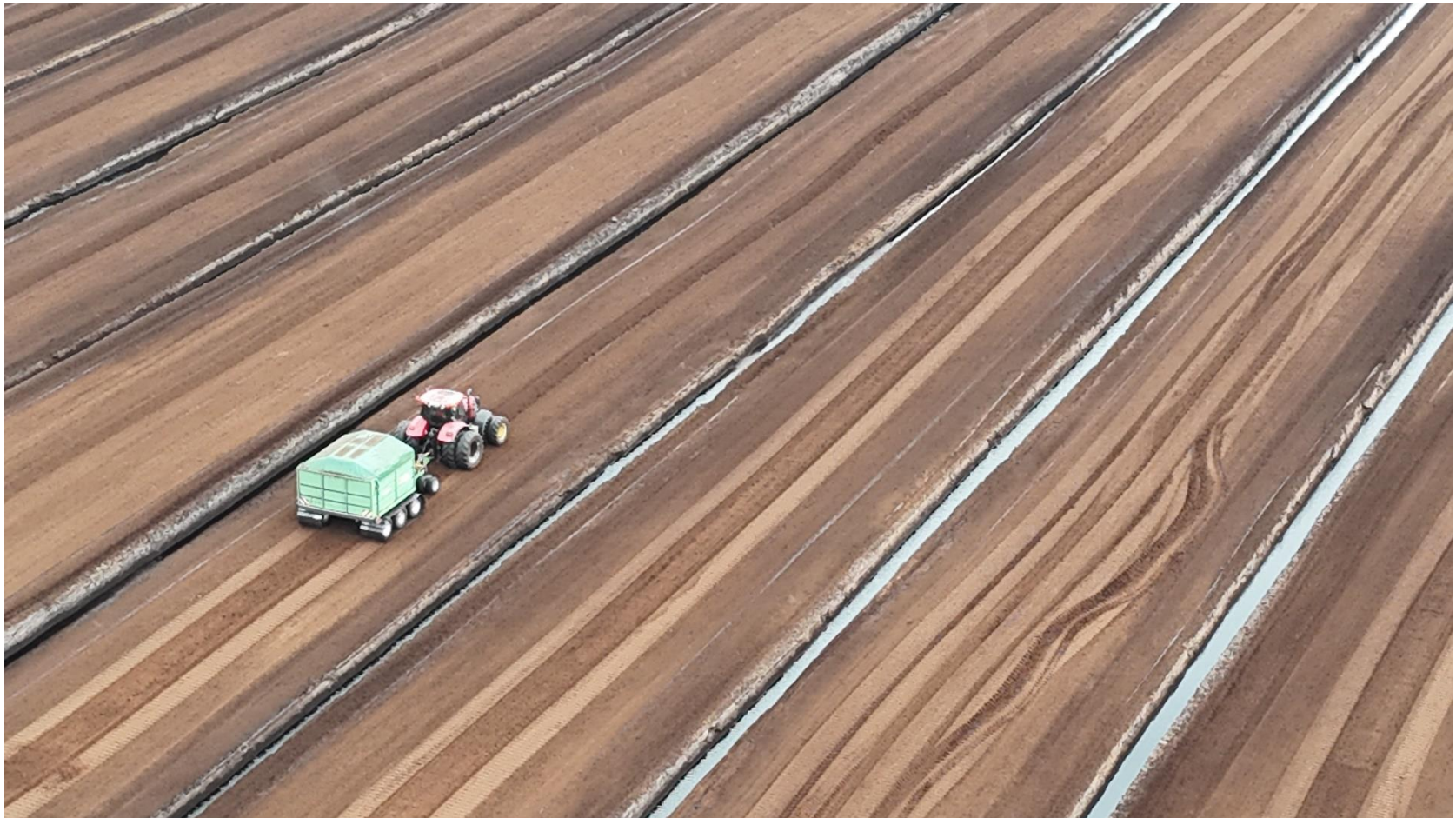
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**Photo 2: Aerial overview of the peatland.**

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**Photo 3: Machinery collecting milled peat off the peatland during the visit.**

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**Photo 4: Stockpiles of milled peat noted, also note milled peat which was collected from the peatland being deposited on a stockpile.**

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